

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs today approved by voice vote its version of a key funding bill for military quality of life and our veterans. The bill includes \$72.7 billion in funds for a wide range of programs, including three key projects in Monterey.

"I've been a strong supporter of our local military installations for years, and have used my seat on the appropriations committee to fund vital programs," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel), who sits on the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs subcommittee. "Between the Naval Postgraduate School and the Defense Language Institute, we have two of the finest defense education facilities in the world, and I'm proud to work toward keeping them in that top position."

Local projects include:

- \$9.9 million would fund a Graduate School of Business and Public Policy at the Naval Postgraduate School. These funds would help accommodate an increase in students that has strained current facilities.
- \$3.9 million to fund the Modified Record Fire Range at Fort Hunter Liggett. This range is one of Ft. Hunter-Liggett's most critical training facility requirements.
- \$15 million for a new classroom at the Defense Language Institute.

This bill will next be brought before the full House of Representatives for a vote. The inclusion of these projects is an important step in securing final funding for the projects.

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